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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bolton

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side of Md. Rt. 333, 2 miles north of Sherwood

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sherwood

☒ VICINITY OF WittmanCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Talbot

CODE

041

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. Keller

Telephone #: (301) 745-2237

STREET & NUMBER

Bolton Farm

CITY, TOWN

Wittman

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21676

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 468

Folio #: 554

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

T-336

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bolton is located south of Claiborne on the Bay on the west side of Maryland Route 333, two miles north of Sherwood in Talbot County, Maryland. In its present form, it is a small dwelling composed of a three-bay, 2½-story brick house with a one-bay, one-story wing. In its original form, it was composed of the present 2½-story brick portion with two, telescoping brick wings.

The walls of the old part of the house are laid in Flemish bond on the east facade and common bond elsewhere. There are wide jack arches over all the openings in the brickwork. There is neither water table nor belt course, but there is a corbeled brick cornice. At one time there was a two-story porch on the east side. The outline of the original wing is visible in the north gable, above the new wing. The large interior chimney in the north gable contains two flues which are separated by an access way to the roof. The building has no cellar, only air holes to vent the space beneath.

The old part has a side entrance on both the east and the west, the former with a transom and the latter without. The windows on the first story have 9/6 sash; those on the second have 6/6, as do the two dormers in the attic. The rear facade has a window at landing level over the door.

Inside is only a stair hall and single room. Excepting the flooring on the first story, all the rooms of the building retain original woodwork. The open string stair ascends to the attic. Its spandrel has vertical beaded boards and a six-panel door beneath the landing. The balustrade has two rectangular balusters per step and a round handrail which ascends over the turned newels. The trim consists of a beaded board with three equally spaced rectangular grooves paralleling the bead.

In the living room the mantel has pilasters supporting a well-proportioned late Federal shelf. There are chair rail and baseboard, but no cornice. The other rooms have board partitions and period woodwork, all executed in simple design.

The present wing was built in the third quarter of the 20th century. A family graveyard is situated across the lane from the house. The acreage for this nomination includes the old house and graveyard only. A larger acreage was not chosen because of the newer house and outbuildings and nursery south of these which are not reflective of the original agricultural setting of this house.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bolton is significant as the largely unaltered remainder of a once larger farmhouse. Original woodwork remains throughout the house; nicely executed, it is simple but representative of the period of its construction. The home of the Kemp and Dawson families, prominent in this area, it reflected their prosperity during the first half of the 19th century. In its present state, it has been adaptively used as an office and guest house.

The tract called Bolton is interesting for its long tenure in the hands of one family. It was among vast acres patented to Edmond Webb in 1659 (4/336), on the Bay side of Talbot County. Webb's daughter married Robert Kemp, and by the will of her father, she inherited "Bolton" and "Bolton's Addition" in 1685. The property remained in the family over 200 years.

The Kemps, among the early Quaker families on the Eastern Shore, were instrumental in building the Bayside Meeting House. For the most part, they farmed their land and lived relatively uneventful lives.

There were five John Kemps, beginning with the son of Robert, who inherited a dwelling house and the surrounding lands in 1705 (1/193). In each case, the devise was from father to son. These five married into the Ball, Stevens, Wrightson, Troth and Lambdin families, all prominent Quakers in the county.

The first house at Bolton of which we have any description is listed in the 1798 Federal Tax assessment as a framed dwelling of one story, 36' x 18', with a framed kitchen adjoining. The old part of the present house was probably built by John Kemp and his wife, Sarah Troth, early in the 19th century.

The last John Kemp to occupy the brick house died in 1847, leaving the farm to his daughter, Mary Francis, who married Dr. Robert Dawson (Will 8/309). The Dawsons lived here and devised the property to their daughter, Agnes B. Dawson. In 1915 she sold the farm to John Battee, sold it in 1920 to John W. Hunter (184/293). The Hunters lived here for the next twenty-two years, and it is probable that they built the larger, more modern house that stands close by, but entirely separate from the old brick house.

A number of owners have occupied the house, while the Kemp homestead stood empty. Now, however, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller have bought the property and restored the brick house (460/1). It is used as a guest house and an office for Mr. Keller's landscaping business.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Probate Records of Talbot County, Courthouse, Easton, Maryland.

Federal Direct Tax of 1798, Talbot County. Library, Easton, Maryland (microfilm).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 1 3/4 acres

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at a point on the north side of the south drive into the property about 700 feet west of Maryland Route 33, then following the drive west and as it curves north until it joins the north drive into the property about 500', then following the north drive west about 150', then moving north about 125' then east about 125', then south about 100' to the north drive, then following the north drive east about 100', then moving south about 250' to the point of beginning, containing about 1 3/4 acres.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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DATE

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TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Claiborne Quad





Bolton, East facade

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M. Bourne

Aug. 1976



12 x 1.80

50% 336

Bolton T-336



N.W. facade

M. Bourne

7/76

MICHAEL BOURNE



T-336

Bolton

Michael O. Bourne

7/1976

Neg-MFT

South Farado (elev)





T-336

Bolton

Michael O. Bourne

7/1976

Neg - MHT

Southeast facade





T-336

Bolton

Michael O. Bourne

7/1976

Neg-MHT

northeast facade & wing

